

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION DATABASE SYSTEM FOR HANDICRAFTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are working on creating a Geographic Information database System to create awareness among the people regarding handicrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be created?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Geographical Information System based Portal on handicraft is under development. The Portal Shall contain information and data on all aspects of the handicraft sector and shall enable exchange of information and data across the globe among a variety of user groups like artisans, designers and State and Central Handicraft Development Corporations, domestic and international buyers and other interested groups. The portal with information and data related to the State of Uttar Pradesh was launched on the net on 2.3.2001 and the All India data is likely to be uploaded by the end of October, 2001.